

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN FOR RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons living below poverty line in the country;
- (b) number out of them helped through special component plan, IRDP and other poverty alleviation programmes during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the number of persons below poverty line provided loans from banks and financial institutions and have been disbursed Government subsidy;
- (d) whether the Government have taken steps to increase coverage under these component plan and other poverty alleviation programmes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) : According to the poverty estimates for 1999-2000 (30days recall basis) by the Planning Commission, the number of persons living below poverty line in the country is 2602.50 lakhs.

(b) : The Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Indira Awaas Yojana(IAY) are the major Poverty Alleviation programmes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development throughout the Country. The number of persons helped through Special Component Plan under these programmes during the last three years and the current year are indicated below:

No. of Scheduled Castes benefited

Sl.No. Name of Scheme Units 1998-99 99-2000 2000-01 2001-02

1 IRDP/SGSY Beneficiaries/ 565552 278938 319145 36362 (Upto June, 01)
Swarozgaries

2. JRY/JGSY Lakh mandays 1345.49 936.07 333790+ 17416+ (Upto June, 01)

3. EAS Lakh mandays 1478.75 990.29 714.47 47.73 (Upto June, 01)

4. IAY Houses 40978 428059 359395 5979 (Upto May, 01)
constructed

(+) No. of works.

(c) : The number of persons below poverty line belonging to the S/C category who have been provided loans from banks/financial institutions and have been disbursed Government subsidy were 278938 in 1999-2000, 319145 in 2000-2001 and 36362 in 2001-

2002 (upto June, 2001).

(d) & (e): The guidelines of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) stipulate that 50% of the Swarozgaries shall be SCs/STs whereas under the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) 22.50% of annual allocation is earmarked for Individual Beneficiary Schemes of SCs/STs. In the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) 60% of the funds are to be utilised for the benefit of SCs/STs. In the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) which is open to all rural poor, preference is to be given to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.